

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the December 3, 2008, final Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends March 3, 2009. The Commissioner is hereby authorized by the undersigned to debit Deposit Account 50-2263 for any underpayment or any additional necessary fees.

The present response makes no amendments and does not require any additional search or new consideration.

**Claims:** the current status of the claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.